



# CCM 2012 Testimony

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## ***ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE***

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

CCM supports House Bill 5473 *"An Act Concerning Public Access Operations and the Periodic Review of Video Providers."*

Section 5 of this bill would, among other things, re-establish the Connecticut Broadband Internet Coordinating Council to, monitor trends and developments in the state's efforts to develop a state-wide world-class communications infrastructure.

The re-establishment of The Connecticut Broadband Internet Coordinating Council is a very encouraging legislative step – we look forward to working together with the new Council to assure its success and enhance the economic competitiveness of the state and all its municipalities.

CCM urges the committee to provide a municipal appointment to this Council, to ensure the municipal perspective is included in discussions focused around technology advancement in this state.

CCM urges the committee to *favorably report this bill.*

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